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Tanner Genealogy

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William Tanner, Sr., of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.
Born about 1660 (in London, England. Brought to America at 14 years of age, likely as a servant – see George C Tanner's Genealogy of his family).
Married 1st a daughter of Henry Tibbets.

1. son William (inherited land from his grandfather Henry Tibbetts in the town of North Kingstown) (see genealogy of William Tanner of North Kingstown, R. I., and his descendants, published by Rev. George C. Tanner, D.D., Faribault, Minn., 1905).

Married 2nd Mary, daughter of Job Babcock of Westerly R. I., and wife Jane Crandall (Job's will 26 Mar., 1715; approved 7 April, 1718)

2. Benjamin, born 24 Dec., 1692.
Assumed to be father of Thomas Tanner who was born about 1705-10 (sic), married Martha, between 1725-30 and moved to Cornwall, Conn., in 1740. Thomas died in 1750, about 45 years old. He left a young family and a widow who died in May, 1751
Children of Thomas and Martha

1. William, born about 1720 (sic) in Rhode Island, married Hannah Newcomb of Kent, 23 March, 1749. Settled in Cornwall. Their children were
   1. Consider
   2. Tryal
   3. Ephraim
   4. Ebenezer
   5. William

6 Joseph
7. Mehetabel
3 Hannah
4. Thomas, born 30 June, 1743; enlisted in the Indian Wars at 18 and served 2 years.

3. John, b. ——
4 Avis, b ——
5. Mary b ——

Married 3rd Elizabeth (maybe daughter of Francis and Anna Colegrove of Westerly, born about 1695) (Note, Rev. George C Tanner calls her Elizabeth Cottrell.)

6. Francis, born 3 July 1708
7. Nathan, born 20 Feb., 1709-10
8. Anna, born 15 March 1712.
9. Rebecca, born 2 July 1714.
10. Elizabeth, born 14 Nov. 1717.
11. Abigail, born 17 Oct., 1719.

2. Benjamin, born 24 Dec., 1692 (probably) in South Kingston, Rhode Island.

Married 1st Joanna, third child of Samuel and Joanna (Crandall) Lewis (Samuel's will made 4 Aug. 1734, probated 1 Feb., 1739) Joanna died after 1733.

Married 2nd 13 April, 1741, Deborah Stillman of Westerly, born 11 Jan., 1706/7

His will made 23 April, 1767; probated 29 June, 1767. Miller and Yeoman, freeman of South Kingstown and East Greenwich, Member of the First Sabbitarian Church of the present Town of Hopkinton.

Deborah was daughter of George Stillman of Westerly

whose will made 18 April 1750 mentions wife Deborah (Crandall) Stillman and daughter Deborah Tanner.

Children, by first wife

12. Sarah, born 19 May, 1716; died unmarried
13. Mary, born 21 Feb., 1719; died unmarried.
14. Joanna, born 3 July 1721; married Joseph, son of John Tanner of Richmond (Westerly) R.I.
15. Content, born 8 Nov., 1726; died unmarried.

+ 16. Benjamin, born 20 Aug. 1730.
+ 17. James, born 5 April 1733.
18. Deborah, born 22 Jan 1741/2; died unmarried 1814 aged 72.
+ 19. Nathaniel.

Deborah an Nathaniel were children of second wife.

Benjamin, who was Petit Juror 2 Dec., 1746 and Grand Juror in 1762, died in 1767.

16. Benjamin (Benjamin, William) born 20 Aug., 1730.
Married first Elizabeth Colegrove, born 2 June 1720, daughter of Francis and Hannah (Bailey) Colegrove, Warwick, R.I.
Children
20 Benjamin
21 Mary
22. Hannah, born 14 March, 1758
23 Joanna.
Married second 5 June 1762, Hannah, daughter of Oliver Perkins of Scituate
Children
24. Joseph, born 9 Feb., 1763

25 John, born 22 April 1764.
26 Nathan, born 11 April, 1766.
27 Oliver, born 7 May 1768
28. Clarke, born 5 June, 1771
29. Stephen, born 13 April 1774
30 Silas, born 14 Oct. 1776.

17. James, born 5 April, 1733, in South Kingstown, Rhode Island.
Married 24 Dec., 1753, Mary (Mercy), daughter of George Wilcox of Stonington
Children (order in birth not known)
31. James (as supposed)
32 Amos (James, Benjamin, William)
33. Zebulon
34. William, born 5 Feb., 1761
35. Benjamin, born 1771
36 Elisha
37 Briston, killed in the battle of Brandywine (11 Sept., 1777)

The will of James Tanner, made 24 June 1777, gives all his estate to his wife, Mary, for her use during life, if she does not marry, and "to bring up my small children," and after her death or marriage, to his small children, excepting Amos, who is to have half as much as the rest. The names of the other children are not named, and no names or dates of birth are in the Town Records.

The names of the children of James Tanner of West Greenwich are obtained from other records, as follows below.

26 March, 1785, a guardian is appointed on application, to care for this property.

The following is found in the Town Records of West Greenwich: 19 April, 1784, William Tanner and Mary, widow, sell to Ebenezer Wilcox two elevenths of a tract of eighty acres. (This was the amount of land owned by James Tanner, lying along Wood river).

10 Aug., 1786, Zebulon Tanner of West Greenwich sells his right and title in eighty acres, bounded south by the land of the heirs of Nathaniel Tanner, south west on Wood River, north and northeast by the land of Thomas Stone &c.

18 Oct., 1791, Benjamin Tanner, county of Hampshire, Mass., Yeoman, sells to Paul Pirkins of Exeter, land in West Greenwich, lot No. 2 "formerly belonging to my honored father, James Tanner," divided by a jury, by order of a superior court of judicature, &c.

signed. Benjamin Tanner.

17 Jan., 1792, Elisha Tanner and wife Abigail of Randolf County of Orange, Vt., sell to Thomas Stone, eight acres, bounded west on Wood river, that Thomas Wilcox's grist mill stands on, south on land of Nathaniel Turner which belongs to his heirs, and land of Thomas Wilcox, &c. (Elisha Tanner was a drummer in Col. John Topham's Regiment, Rhode Island, "Spirit of '76.").

This gives us the names of the children of James Tanner at the time the court ordered the division of the land, with the exception of two, — James and Briston, and two elevenths not accounted for. But the writer is informed

by a descendant of this branch of the family that Briston Tanner was killed in the battle of Brandywine; unmarried.

A Zophar Tanner appears among the Rhode Island Continental soldiers. But no record is found of his descendants, and the writer is inclined to the opinion that he was either an Indian or a colored servant belonging to one of the families, as it is known that there were such.

Of the seven sons of James Tanner of West Greenwich, six are known to have been Continental soldiers, whose record will appear later.

It appears, from the record above, that one portion, or two-elevenths of the estate remains unaccounted for, which may be the portion of James Tanner, who, with Job Tanner, appears in Dutchess County, N.Y., in 1775. In the census of West Greenwich, 1777, two persons appear of the name of James Tanner, who must be father and son, there being no others of that name.

It appears from the Town Records of West Greenwich, that a colony from Rhode Island settled in Dutchess County. In 1763, Edward Thorne of Dutchess County desires letters to the said county from West Greenwich, as was the custom in removing from one town to another. Charles and Francis Berry ask advice from the Select Men of West Greenwich regarding the care of a child, asking for help. In 1770 a Certificate is asked of the Council of West Greenwich, R.I., for the children of Daniel Case, which is refused, then sojourning in the Town of Dover, Province of New York.

James Tanner would therefore be considered as citizen

of West Greenwich and enrolled accordingly until he had by certificate, or property, become a citizen of Dutchess County. William Tanner of Exeter had already emigrated to Rensselaer County, and Thomas Tanner of Rhode Island had settled in Litchfield County, Conn., which adjoined that part of New York. It is not unlikely therefore that James Tanner of Dutchess County was a son of James Tanner of West Greenwich.

This is confirmed by the fact that in 1786 Zebulon Tanner in West Greenwich and Samuel Potter of Bateman Precinct, Dutchess County, N.Y., request of the Town Council of West Greenwich support for a child.

Among the list of Tanners in the Revolution who served in Massachusetts Regiments, is the name of James Tanner, private, 8th Company, Col. John Bailey's Regiment, Continental Army, pay accounts for services from May 2 to May 11, 1777, reported deserted, aged 26 years, stature 5' 8"; enlistment 3 years — deserted May 11th, 1777 — reported a transient. Attention is called to the fact that nearly all of the Tanners reported as serving in the Continental army in Massachusetts are Rhode Island Tanners; that the "desertion" was about the time of the last sickness of James Tanner of West Greenwich.

While there are some difficulties in this theory, we offer it as a possible solution. Nearly every father named a son after his own name; and while the tombstone record of the age of the father seems to conflict with the age of the enlistment as also the marriage, yet there may be an error in the transcribing of dates.

19. Nathaniel (Benjamin, William), son of Benjamin and

Deborah (Stillman) Tanner, born in West Greenwich, R.I., married Watey Bly. of West Greenwich; he died in 1782. Inventory of goods, 20 May, 1782. Wife Wate makes her will 22 Dec 1782.

Children:

38. Anna
39. Elizabeth
40. Stillman, born 4 June 1776.

Elizabeth emigrated, with her sister Anna, to New York; never married, and died before 1845.

32. AMOS (James, Benjamin, William), son of James (17) and Mary (Wilcox) Tanner, born in West Greenwich. R.I.

Married Mary ——, two children, names not given.

It appears from Town Record of June 29, 1782, referring to the "late wife" of Amos Tanner, that Mary died in the first half of this year.

No further record appears, and the writer is unable to trace any descendants to Amos Tanner, or to say whether his line is extinct

The name of Amos Tanner appears among the recruits in Windham Co., Conn., for a regiment for Bunker Hill, to serve from May 3 to Dec. 16, 1775. In the pay roll of 1776, due Amos Tanner, Second Corporal, Jan 26 to Sept., £1·3·5½.

He appears to have enlisted in his own State in 1776, Jan. 26.

See also Rhode Island Historical Society (Providence) Manuscript No. 264.

Also "Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution", enlisted May 3, 1775, third company, discharged Dec. 16.

Among the Revolutionary Pensioners of Illinois appears one A. Tanner, aged 86, Morgan County, no residence further than one above given, and no friend named.

If the son of James Tanner of West Greenwich, this would make him the oldest, or next to the oldest, son.

In Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, vol. XV., p. 379, we find the name of Amos Tanner, Swanzey, among the list of men raised to serve in the Continental Army, as returned by Capt. Joseph Parker, residence, Swanzey, engaged for the town of Rochester, joined Col. Lee's regiment; terms three years — also, list of men mustered subsequent to March 17, 1778, by James Leonard, Muster Master for Plymouth County, dated April 7, 1778, Col. Wm Lee's Regiment.

This is probably Amos Tanner of West Greenwich. This is rendered more likely from the fact that we find among the Tanners named William ~~from the fact that~~ of West Greenwich, R.I., engaged May 23, 1778, term three years, for Town of Rochester. (See full record, as above, vol XV "Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors," etc).

Also, Nathan, enlistment date North Kingstown, R.I. Jan. 22, 1778, etc.

See also Helyer Tanner, Masters Mate, Continental frigate "Deane," page 379, vol XV, ditto, and George, Richmondtown, R.I., Quam Tanner, ditto

As we know of no Tanners residing in Mass.; it is highly improbable that so many could be duplicated, we are led to the conclusion that all the Tanners in the list of Mass-

achusetts Soldiers and Sailors were from Rhode Island

Cowell's Spirit of 1776
Rhode Island

Tanner, Amos, Corporal, Capt. Dyer's Company, Colonel Lippitt's Regiment-
On company pay roll Sept. 1776. Deserted afterwards.

Tanner, Elisha, private Col. Topham's regiment, 1776.
pay due £ 31.00.0

William Tanner, Sr

of South Kingstown Rhode Island and His Descendants.

In four Parts.

by

Rev. George C. Tanner, D.D., Faribault, Minnesota.

Published by the author, 1910

William Tanner, born London, England, about 1660. To America by people at 14 years of age. Escaped and settled in Rhode Island.

Married three times.

Third wife was Elizabeth Cottrell.

six children.

1. Francis, born 3 July, 1708, in South Kingston R. I.
   married, 26 Feb., 1728, Mary Tosh of Newport, R.I. She died 10 Nov 1745. He died 3 Jan 1777
   5 children
   Amey born 11 Oct 1729.
   Josias, born 10 June 1734
   Isaac, born 9 Sept. 1736
   Dorcas, born 28 Feb 1739
   Susanna born 2 Nov 1745
   Married, second, Elizabeth Sheldon about 1748
   children
   William, born 9 May 1751.
   Joshua, born 27 July 1757
2. Nathan, born 20 Feb., 1710, at South Kingston, R. I.
   Married 28 May, 1734, Mary Cottrell of the same place
   Children
   David, born 25 Nov., 1735.
   Nathan, born 1737.
   Abel, born 7 Sept 1740

   7th Day Baptist Church, Hopkinton.
3. Anna born 15 March 1712. No record.
4. Rebecca, born 2 July, 1714

married 16 March, 1734, Benjamin Brand of South Kingston. One child
Amos. born 8 Feb., 1745.

6. Abigail, born 17. Oct., 1719, at South Kingston. No record.

5 Elizabeth, born 14 Nov 1717 at South Kingston.
Married 28 Dec 1737, Benjamin Burdick. No record.

Josias, born 10 June, 1734, at South Kingston, R.I.
Married 5 Dec., 1754, Anne Blackman, born 19 May 1736;
died 17 May 1769 at South Kingston.
Children
Elizabeth, born 15 Sept. 1755
Hannah born 29 Apr. 1758
Josias, born 30 May 1763.

Amos Martin

1 born Rhode Island about 1760 (Manchester Vt)
2 To Vermont 1778 3 of Deerfield, 1781 owned 6 mo.
4 suppressed insurrection 24.12.1782
5 To Lower Canada 1784
6 At St John, P.Q. 25.5.1784 with wife & 2 children
7 Petitioned for lands 20.1.1784 — wife & 3 ch prov Johnstown
8 Petition #5.15 refused 5.4.1791
9 Constable Cumberland Rd. 10.4.1794 — bought lot 25 conc 5 Richmond
10 Phebe Ball bur. Cumb Rd 15.9.1793
12 His four children bap. Cumb Rd 15.9.1794
13 Dau. Annie born Cumb Rd. 1797
14 witness inquiry 3.5.1797
15 1.6.1797 visiting No 6 of St John's Lodge
16 Petition for extra land for 2 ch 20.10.1797
17 Recommended 8.11.1797
18 Petition for lodge in Emerst 14.9.1802
19 1st Senior Warden " " 14.3.1803
20 Junior warden 1804
21 1805
22 Junior warden 1806
23 Left Emerstown 1807 (wife aged 45)
24 Wife marr. Peter Anelshire 1.1.1809
25 Affidavit Brown Co Que 18.7.1818 wife Jacob Ball 1837 - 15 = 1822
26 20.7.1818
27 Affidavit for Amos Jr. 25.1.1819
28 son Emerstn - see affidavit 19.2.1819
29 Wm Walkers widow affidavit 19.2.1819
30 Son Emerstn - see affidavit 19.2.1819
31 " " 1.6.1819
32 Left Emerstn
33 Returned Emerstn 1837
34 Back to East v.d. 1838

wife Susanna d. 20.2.1844 a.e. 82 Tombstone Walton

Children

- Amos b. 4 Nov 1782 bp 15.9.1794
- James bp 15.9.1794
- Wm b. 27.9.1791 bp 15.9.1794
- son killed by tree
- ~~Susanna~~ bp 15.9.1794
- Annie b 1797
- Mary bp 15.9.1794 ~~to~~ 28.8.1810 Jos Peck
- Elisha c 1798 ≈ 1818

MARTIN of ERNESTTOWN. Nov. 28, 1935.

1. EMAS or AMOS MARTIN, U. E., according to family tradition came from Vermont during the postrevolutionary period and settled in the Township of Ernesttown. He seems to have been too young to serve in the Loyalist forces, or, if he did so there is no record of such being the case. The first authentic record we have in Canada is one that appears in the appendix to the United Empire Loyalist List. This says that Emas Martin, his wife and three children were provisioned at Johnstown (just east of the present village of Prescott).

This man was therefore connected with the Revolution on the British side. It is believed that his wife, Susannah Ball, was the daughter of either Shadrack or Solomon Ball, ~~two~~ three soldiers of Col. Ebenezer Jessup's Loyal Americans, who settled in 1784 in Ernesttown. These ~~two~~ three men apparently brothers, came from Brattleboro, Vermont, and early in 1777 joined the Loyalist Forces. At the same time there were several families of Martins in this area of Vermont. This coupled with the fact that Emas and his family settled in the same area, points to relationship between these two families. But his wife, Susannah was born in 1762, and was 21 in 1783, so it might have been that she was a sister of these ~~two~~ three men. This relationship must be discovered in subsequent research.

The next record we have of Emas is his appointment to the office of Constable for Amherst Island at Kingston, Ontario on April 10, 1794. He had, therefore established residence there. It is also known that his daughter, Annie, was born there in 1797, the first white child born on Amherst Island.

There is another set of records that have to do with this period in the region of Amherst Island and Bath. They are those of the Masonic Order in Ontario. These records are taken from J. Ross Robertson's Freemasonry in Canada. They are:

Lodge No. 13, Ernesttown, 1804-22.

Petition presented 14 Sept., 1802 for a lodge at Ernesttown, and signed by Stephen Hix, Solomon Ball, Amos Martin.

A letter of March 14, 1803 stating that Amos Martin is Senior Warden and Stephen Hix, Junior Warden.

A List of Membership in 1804 shows the following charter members:
Stephen Hix, Junior Warden. In a letter of Mar. 14, 1806 he is Jr. Warden.
Solomon Ball.
Amos Martin, Senior Warden.

Lodge No. 6, Kingston.

At a Meeting June 1st, 1797 Bro. Amos Martin, visitor, of St. Johns present.

From these records we note that Amos was a charter member of Lodge no. 13, Ernesttown from its inception in 1802 until 1806. He also visited St. Johns in 1797. Therefore he must have been a Mason before 1797, and possibly was made a mason in the American Colonies before he came to Canada.

We can safely say that he resided near Bath from 1794 until 1806. He was most likely residing on Amherst Island during this time.

Family tradition next has him living near Kingston Mills on a farm in Pittsburg Township near the junction of the middle and upper roads. This farm he soon sold to an Irish Martin and removed to Ernesttown Township, Conc. VI, lot 40. I have found no record of ownership of any land in this area by this man and conclude that the story is either false or mistold or that he had rented it.

Family tradition also says that he returned to Vermont and stayed so long that his wife remarried. In later years he returned bringing a son, Simeon, by a marriage contracted in Vermont. This separation must have occurred ~~after~~ prior 1806.

We have record of the marriage in 1809 of Susannah Ball and Peter Asselstine, also the marriage of Susannah Ball to Hughson Walker in 1820. She was buried in 1844 in Wilton Cemetery by her son, William Martin, and is recorded as Sussanah Asselstine, aged 82. One would conclude that it is doubtful that she married Hughson Walker, more than likely it was a niece who contracted this marriage.

The family says that some time after 1830 he returned from Vermont with Simeon. In the Winter of 1837-38 he with his son, Amos, returned to Vermont where he was greeted as "Mr. Tanner". On this trip he became ill and died in Vermont.

31 Howard St. Belleville, Ont.
Sept. 5, 1955

Dr. Burleigh
Bath, Ont.
Dear Sir:-

Following are some extracts from material from Public Archives which, I think, you may find interesting:

(1) To His Honor, Peter Russell, Esq.
Amos Martin . . . prays for his additional 200 acres of lands for his two children born before the year 1789.
Oct. 20, 1797

Amos his X mark Martin

(2) Know all men whom these presents may concern that I, Amos Martin of Broom, in the county of Bedford in the District of Montreal in the Province of Lower Canada, yeoman, have appointed Amos Martin, Junior, of Ernesttown in the versinity of Kingston in Upper Canada, yeoman, as my lawful attorney to act and transact business for me . . . . take possession of Lot No. 25 in the 5th Concession of Richmond . . . he is hereby impowered as my lawful attorney as far as it can respect said lot of land.
July 18, 1818

Amos W. Lay
Jacob Ball
(Witnesses)

Amos Martin.
(The signature is XXXX in the handwriting of Amos Martin, Junior.)

(3) Leon Lalarme, notary public . . . Before me personally came Amos Martin , , , and acknowledged the instrument (above) to be his proper act and deed. . . . Subscribed at St. Armand, County of Bedford, . . .
July 20, 1818

(4) We, the subscribers certify that we have been personally acquainted with Amos Martin for many years preceding one thousand eight hundred and seven, that we had no reason to believe he was disaffected or that he left the place on that account - We also believe Amos Martin, Junior, the bearer hereof to be his eldest son and lawful heir.
Ernesttown
Jan. 25, 1819

Matthew Clark, J.P.
John C. Clarke
James Parrott, Lt. C. M.
Daniel Fraser, Capt.
Samuel Clark Ens.

(5) To His Excellency, Sir Peregrine Maitland . . . . . .
The Petition of Amos Martin of Lower Canada, now at the Township of Earnest Town in the Midland District.
Humbly sheweth that your petitioner came to this province and settled in year 1784. That in year 1792 he purchased Lot number 25 . . . . in township of Richmond of William Walker of Township of Ernest Town, a U. E. Loyalist who had drawn it as Lord Dorchester's bounty . . . Your petitioner . . . can only refer to the oath of Mary Huntley (who was then his wife), a certificate of which is hereby annexed. Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Excellency will be pleased to grant him the aforesaid lot and permit Amos Martin, Junior to take out the Deed when completed.
Feb. 18, 1819

Amos Martin
(Signature is in handwriting of Amos Martin, Jun.)

(6) Be it remembered that on this nineteenth day of Feb. 1819 came Mary Huntleyo of Ernest Town (formerly the wife of William Walker of Ernest Town, deceased) before me, Matthew Clark . . . and deposeth:- That in or about the year 1792, the aforseaid William Walker, deceased, transferred a Lot of Land of 200 acres, somewhere near the Napanee River to Amos Martin, Sen. for the consideration of one pair of oxen.
Sworn before me at Ernesttown
Feb. 19, 1819
Mathew Clark, J. P.

(7) To His Excellency the Governor and Council your humble petitioner begs leave to give his reasons why he has not come forward to lay in his claim for this land before. After I purchased this land I went and took a slight look at the land and I thought it not good. The land at that time was in the wilderness, seven miles from inhabitants. I did not suppose it would be inhabited for many years. And I left my native place, Rhode Island State in the year 1778, came into Vermont and in 1784 came into the Upper Province and remained in this Province till 1807 I thought the time long that I never had heard from my friends nor they from me. I travelled to see them there. I was taken sick and continued sick and unwell for a long time. Then I returned into the town of Broom. There I remained till my son wrote to me concerning the land. Then I wrote this Power and sent to him, he being the first heir.
Amos Martin
(Signature is again in the handwriting of Amos Martin, Jun.)
Amos Martin of the Township of Ernest Town, Senior, maketh oath and sayeth that he is the person he describes himself to be in the Foregoing petition, and that the statements therein made are true.
(Signature, Amos Martin, same as above)
Feb. 19, 1819
Isaac Fraser, J. P.

(8) I certify that Amos Martin, Senior of the Township of Ernest Town resided many years in that township and made large improvements on two lots of land in the same - and that he was resident in that place on the first instant.
June 28, 1819 Isaac Fraser. M. P.

(9) July 19, 1819 Warrant issued.

I was tremendously pleased to see some of the excellent work you have done in collecting history of Martin connections, and hope next year to be privileged to examine your data at leisure.
Thanking you for your kindness.
Yours truly,
Harold E. Martin

P. S. Also pleased to learn that we are third cousins as I figure it.
Perhaps you might find time sometime to make out for me a genealogical tree from your greatgrandmother who was my greatgrandfather's sister, with names, dates and place of residence.